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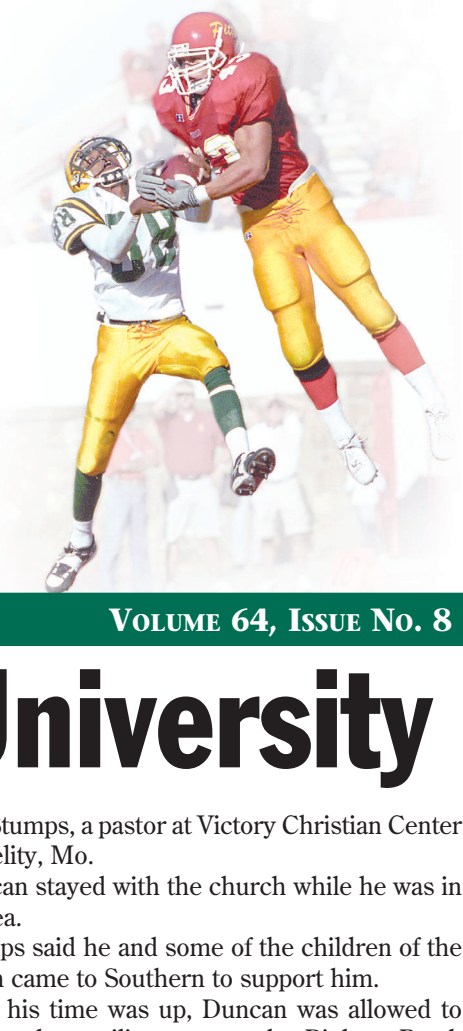

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Evangelist wins right to preach at University

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Jeremy Hollingshead, senior economics major, debates with Brother John Duncan.

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

Bible in hand and shouting the word of God to the masses, Brother John Duncan celebrated his freedom of speech in front of Billingsly Student Center.

For three days, Duncan was permitted one-hour segments of his choosing from Oct. 15-17.

Duncan, a touring campus crusader, has been to Missouri Southern before, but he was allegedly removed from campus after he violated his permit to speak.

"I was removed early," Duncan said.

Duncan sued the then college to allow him to come back to campus. After two years, the courts ruled he was allowed to come back, but with limitations.

"(The court and the campus) hindered my freedom of speech to one hour," he said.

Also, along with the time constraint, Duncan must be videotaped by security, and he must wear a tape recorder on his person to make sure he does not violate the rights of the students or the students do not violate his rights.

"We are addressing a moral crisis in our country that affects church and non-believers," said Leon Stumps, a pastor at Victory Christian Center in Fidelity, Mo.

Duncan stayed with the church while he was in the area.

Stumps said he and some of the children of the church came to Southern to support him.

After his time was up, Duncan was allowed to move to the pavilion next to the Biology Pond. The pavilion is the free-speech area of campus where people can go when a permit expires or if there is no permit given.

Duncan said he did not mind the move to the

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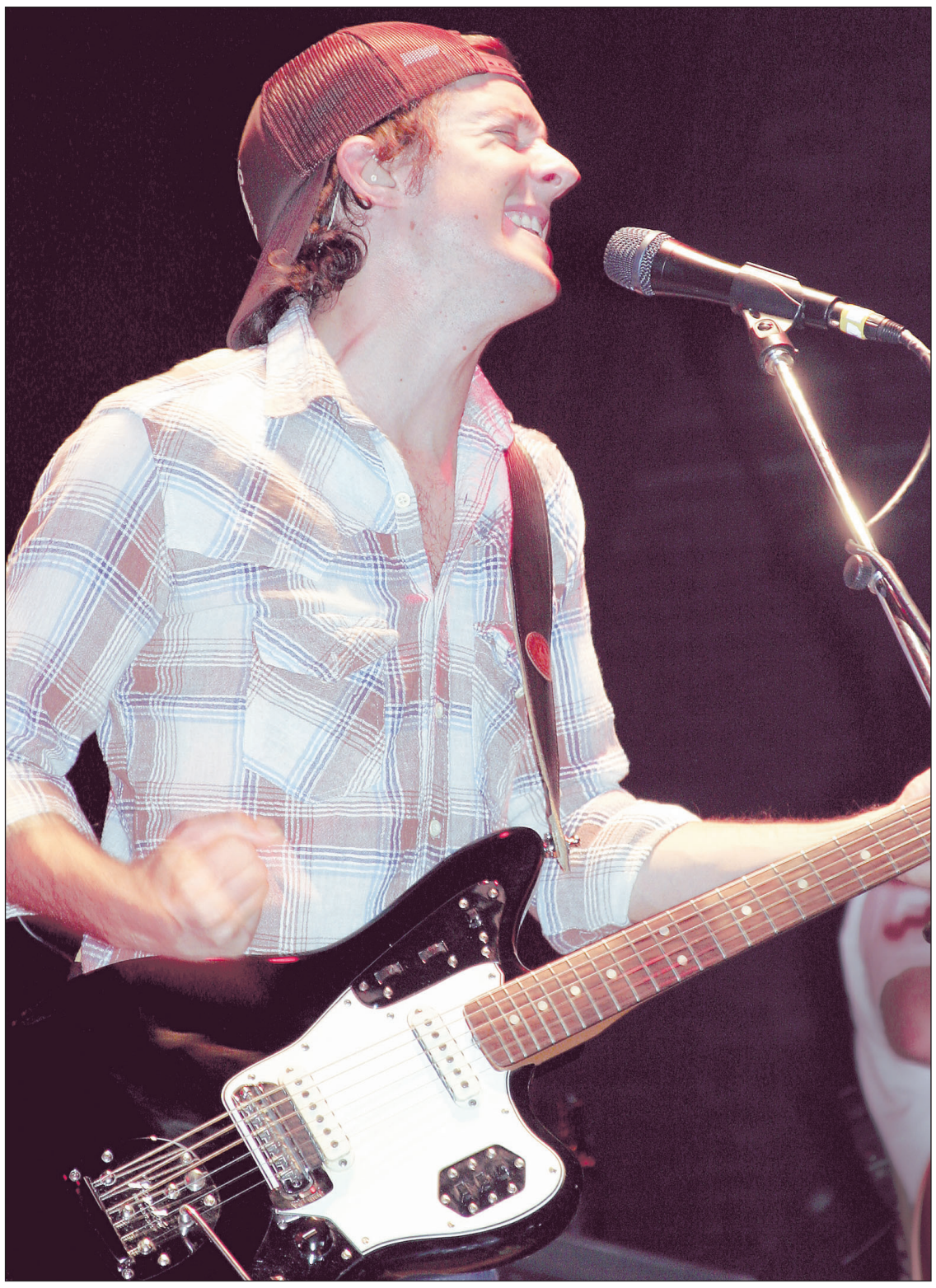

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Jason Mraz performs Oct. 16 at the Brady Theater in Tulsa in front of a near-capacity crowd.

A Walk to Fame

BY JONATHAN BEVILLE AND MICHELLE CONTY
City Editor and Coordinating Editor

On stage, Jason Mraz looks as though he has never been more comfortable.

He smiles, not quite boyishly, between songs, listening to the cheering of thousands of fans, most of them singing along with his every word.

With the success of his single, "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)," Jason Mraz became an overnight pop sensation around the country.

Mraz said fame changes people, but mostly it's a shock to the system.

Every day he wakes up in a bunk inside a tour bus on the way to a different city or state from the where he fell asleep. He goes into his private room in the rear of the bus, and there is a note from his tour manager saying where he is going.

"It's weird," Mraz said. "I say that every day."

He said fame is not at all what he expected it to be. Musicians aspire to that kind of success imagining a life of glamour and leisure.

Once his dreams started coming true, Mraz said he discovered a workload he never fantasized about. As the new guy, he was sent out to all of the early morning radio shows — a spot no one likes to do.

He does radio interviews, phone interviews and takes every opportunity he can to thank the fans for buying the record and the radio stations for playing his music.

"It's very political," Mraz said. "It took me awhile to get used to it, you know, I always wanted to go home. I always thought, OK, this is fun, let's go home now, and we haven't. We've been touring straight through for 15 months now."

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Organization raises donations with golf for Lafayette House

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

Students involved with Delta Epsilon Chi have a tough decision every year.

The organization holds a fund-raiser and almost always has questions on whom to donate the money to.

"We had a hard time deciding who we would give the money to," said Jennifer Hartman, senior marketing major and secretary of Epsilon.

This year, however, several members of Epsilon are familiar with Joplin's Lafayette House. The organization offers a place to stay for women and children who find themselves in abusive situations.

"We were comfortable supporting them," Hartman said. "We thought it would be a good idea."

To raise money, members with Delta held and organized a golf tournament at Carthage Golf Course in early October. Hartman and several others went to dozens of businesses throughout the area seeking sponsorships. At each hole, signs were being sold for $100. In the end, Delta sold 34 signs, which made them available to donate $350 to the Lafayette House. The rest of the money went to supplement costs. A portion of the proceeds went to Epsilon's general fund.

"They (Lafayette House) were very excited to hear from us about the donation," Hartman said.

Teddy Brown, community services specialist with the Lafayette House, said donations are critical to the success of the non-profit organization.

"Without the support of the groups that donate money, it would be very difficult to run this agency," Brown said.

The $350 check will be presented to a Lafayette House representative at 12:15 p.m. during Epsilon's Oct. 30 meeting in Matthews Hall Room 203.

Lafayette currently has 50 women and children receiving services. On average, the organization helps about 135 women and children per month.

Brown said while all donations are more than appreciated, such as paper products and food, money donations are best.

"A donation of money is wonderful," Brown said. "It's nice to have the ability to provide for whatever is needed."

Participants within Epsilon will also donate to the American Cancer Society.

Although the local recipient of the financial donation changes every year, Hartman said what's really important is that she and other members with Epsilon are involved with the community and just trying to help.

"I'm proud to be part of this organization," Hartman said. "It's a wholesome feeling knowing that you're providing a need for someone who needs help."

SPEAK speaks out on war

BY MANDI STEELE
Managing Editor

Trying to prompt students to speak-out against the war in Iraq, SPEAK worked for two hours Oct. 19 drawing chalk outlines depicting dead bodies.

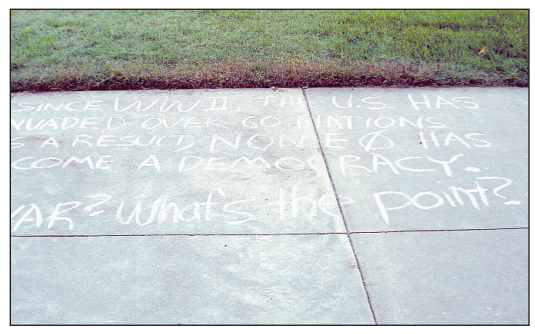
The illustrations, complete with writing such as "Operation 'Iraqi Freedom' = Operation 'Cheap Oil,'" were drawn on the sidewalks from Webster Hall around the circle to the Billingsly Student Center. Four club members of Students for Peace Education Action and Knowledge wrote out different statistics on the war so students could read them.

"The point was to prick people's consciousness of what's going on," said Michelle Yipé, vice president of SPEAK.

Yipé said another reason SPEAK wrote the messages was to go along with a peace rally that is being held in Washington, D.C., on Saturday. She said this is the time when many peace groups around the country are speaking out at campuses.

"When people are aware of what their government is doing, hopefully, they'll stand up and say something," Yipé said.

Linzey Lemons, junior secondary education major, said she was shocked when she first saw the chalk writing, but she thinks they are a "good thing."



Russ Hagerman/The Chart

SPEAK colored the University's sidewalks with numerous anti-war writings.

"What better place to create controversy than a university?" Lemons asked. "Why not cause people to think?"

SPEAK has also had some negative reactions to the drawings. Yipé said the club's had a couple of complaints, including one from a military serviceman who said the statistics were all garbage.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, was sent an e-mail from a veteran who also complained about the chalk writing.

"I would prefer them (students) not to use the sidewalk for that type of outlet," Blackford said.

She asked SPEAK to tone down its messages next time. SPEAK did not seek approval from student activities before chalking the sidewalks.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK

SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 57
Low: 38

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 55
Low: 37

ONLINE

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Do you think Sodexho is doing a good job of keeping the cafeteria and the Lion's Den clean?

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Senate holds OKC decision

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

With the return of their president, Student Senate started the Oct. 22 meeting with only a few old news items left from the meeting a week earlier.

The treasurer reported the Senate had $9,868 left to allocate at the beginning of the meeting.

When the Senate floor was opened to organizations, the first organization to speak was Kappa Delta Pi.

The organization asked Senate for funds to send nine students to St. Louis for a conference. The conference will have 200 educational workshops for education majors.

The finance committee recommended an allocation of $1,000, and the Senate approved that amount.

The next organization to come to the floor was Delta Epsilon Chi. The organization requested money for a leadership conference in Las Vegas.

The national organization offered DEX conference meetings in New York, New Orleans and Las Vegas. Because of expenses and time, Las Vegas was the best choice.

After the organization had its say, the Senate allocated $1,000 to DEX.

A third organization also came to the Senate floor to request funds for a trip.

Southern Concepts, a graphic design organization, requested funds for an educational trip to Oklahoma City.

There, the organization would tour several museums and graphic arts studios. Because of some miscommunications with paperwork, Senate and the Campus Activities Board do not officially recognize the organization.

The miscommunication was a concern for several senators, and the request was tabled for a week in order to come up with more precise numbers and papers.

"We (the Senate) need a little more information," Odem said.

Chris Cooper, sophomore graphics art major, said he was concerned about the conscientiousness of the Senate, and he had tried to work every detail out for the senators. He did agree, however, it was the right of Senate to request more information.

During the announcement time, the Senate was informed about the Freshman Orientation leader applications and the Southern Impact auction.

The auction will allow students to bid for dates. The auction will be 7 p.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall Auditorium.

All proceeds will go to United Way.

Senator Kate Paxton-Ruble, junior criminal justice major, also informed the Senate that the student activities office is having a fund-raiser for breast cancer awareness.

The event is Friday and will run all day. Students may donate money at the student activity office.

At the end of the meeting, Odem announced the formation of a committee to help look into the funding of an electronic sign for the University. Odem researched the idea and came up with the dimensions he would like to see.

The sign will be approximately 96 inches long and 30 inches wide.

It will have two or three rows of 10 inch text.

Board makes plans for deadbeat grads

BY PHILIP MARTIN
Associate Editor

The Board of Governors made plans for deadbeat graduates who don't payback their student loans at the Oct. 17 meeting.

Robert Yust, treasurer, said after the audit there was no reserve fund for those who had bad debts. In June, Missouri Southern set aside approximately $700,000 for this reserve.

"It is the Perkins Loan fund, that is the federal money we have received over a course of time, that we can now loan out," Yust said.

He said there was a small reserve before the audit, but after the audit, there was no reserve left. Yust said he believed there needed to be a reserve for those debts that went unpaid.

He said the "field work for the audit is done," and the report will be presented at the next Board meeting.

"We've had to rethink some things and make some entries, more or less playing catch up," he said. "An example on that is the Perkins loan fund. There has been several things we had to play catch up on."

University President Julio León said there should be no fears over withholdings this year, because of the economy's state and state revenues are coming in at a faster rate than expected. He said there is some disagreement at what percentage the revenues are coming in. León said the Coordinating Board for Higher Education has requested the University to receive approximately $20.8 million from the state of Missouri.

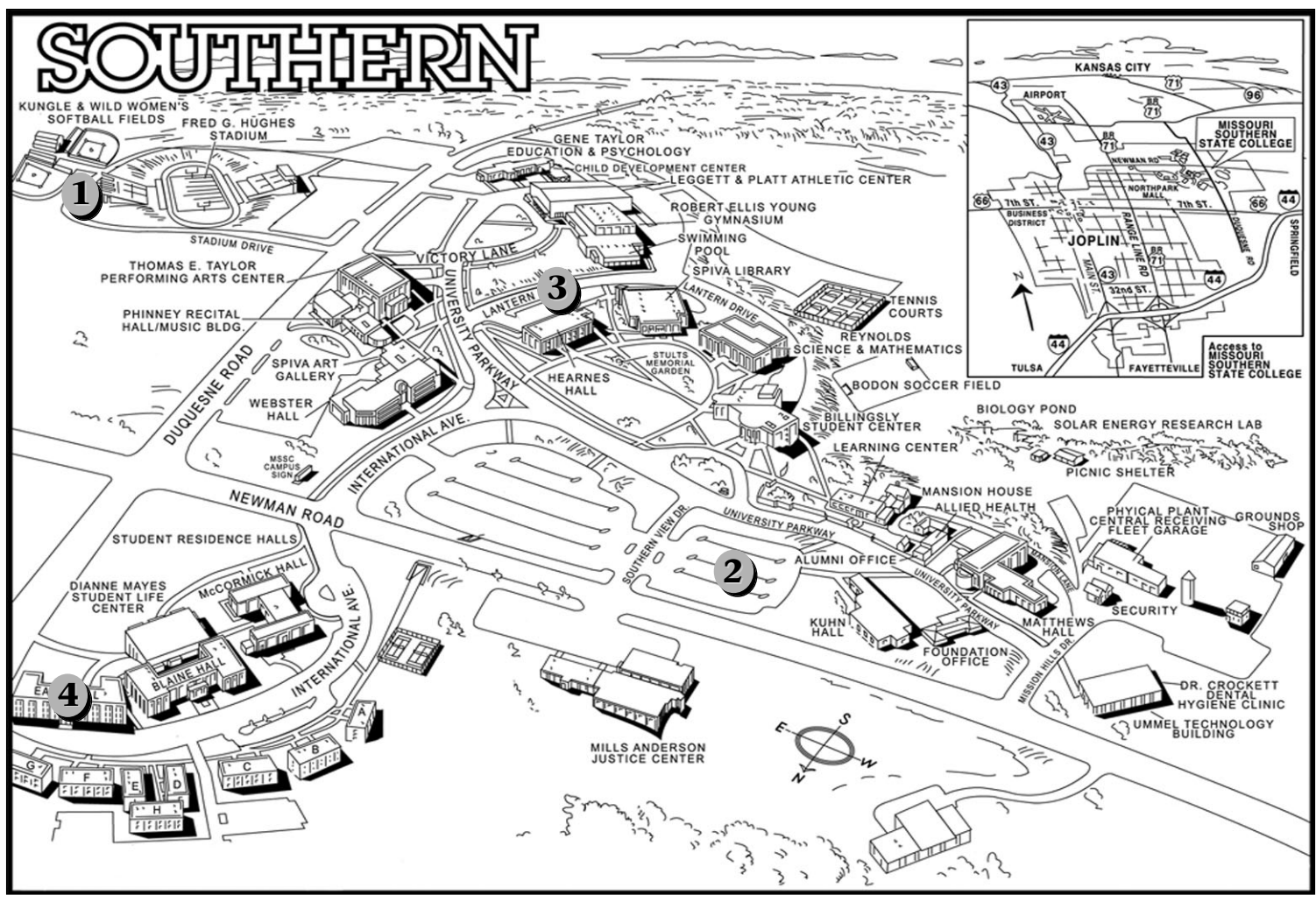
"It seems that unless something really goes bad between now and the end of the year, there might not be any further withholdings," León said. "The opinion would be, of course, with the revenues of the upcoming year coming in at a faster rate than what the budget was based on, we could hope for some return of those withholdings."

The revenues are coming in at 6 percent and the budget for the state of Missouri figured the revenues to come in at 3.4 percent.

The social science department has received a grant for approximately $1 million to help teach high school history teachers how to teach history through biographies. Larry Cebula, associate professor of history, said the classes will not only be open to local teachers, but also to Southern history education instructors.

The social science department has partnered with the Carl Junction and Seneca school districts, the Southwest Center for Education Excellence, the George Washington Carver National Monument and the Harry S Truman Library.

The next meeting for the Governors is tentatively scheduled for 1 p.m., Nov. 21.



One bike disappears, another appears

1 Injured Person

10/21/03

6:42 a.m.

Security was patrolling the south side of the stadium when it met three women jogging. The trio moved to the side of the road, and then into the ditch to avoid the truck. One of the ladies tripped. She thought she might have sprained her ankle.

The officer transported her back to her vehicle, where she stated she did not have a sprained ankle.

2 Found Item

10/16/03

8:30 p.m.

While on patrol, an officer observed a bike by the sidewalk of a parking lot. The bike had been at the location since Oct. 13. The bike was chained and locked, with the chain hanging over the end of a "no parking" sign. The sign was bent to allow for the chain.

The officer called JPD and confirmed the bike was not stolen. He then took it back to the physical plant lost and found locker.

3 Theft

10/16/03

9:30 a.m.

A student called security to report the theft of her bicycle. She had left her bike on the west side of the multi-purpose building at around 9:30 a.m. When she returned at 3 p.m., it was missing.

No suspects were named.

4 Fire Alarm/Fire

10/14/03

2:30 p.m.

A student in East Hall was interviewed by security and staff members about the pulling of a fire alarm in East Hall twice and a fire in the the trash chute. The student was also accused of keying another student's car.

The student admitted to pulling the alarm the first time, but not to the fire, second pull or the keying. He was warned of the possibility of arson charges against him.

Campus Calendar

Center offers free screenings for depression, stress disorders

The Student Support Center will be hosting confidential, free screenings for depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety or stress related disorders. Missouri Southern's Depression Screening Day will be held from 10 a.m.-noon at the Health Clinic in Kuhn Hall or from 1-2:30 p.m. in Billingsly Student Center.

A presentation and question and answer time will be provided starting at 1 p.m.

Program announces deadlines to study abroad internationally

Anyone interested in studying abroad through the International Student Exchange Program for the 2004 fall semester needs to turn in their application by Jan. 15.

There are also spaces available for the 2004 spring semester program. Countries available include Finland, Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, Germany, Japan, Korea and Uruguay. Students interested need to apply as soon as possible.

Through ISEP, students have the chance to study abroad for the same cost of attending Missouri Southern.

To be eligible, students need to have completed at least one year at Southern. Those interested in Australia must have a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher for consideration.

The application fee is $300, but for the first 10 students meeting the January deadline, the University will pay $100 of the fee.

For information, persons may call the study abroad office in Webster Hall, Room 337-B.

Learning Center gives tutoring to students in different maths

Free math tutoring for the fall semester is being offered in the Learning Center in the Mansion Annex.

The service will be offered through Dec. 12. To schedule an appointment, students should call between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday or go into the center.

The center also has videotapes available for Math 020, 030, 130 and 140. Practice tests for Math 020 and 030 are available as well.

Athletes, others receive chance for pole vault technique clinic

Students may register for the Tom Rutledge/Gill Athletics Pole Vault Safety and Technique Clinic.

The clinic is open to the first 80 applicants. A $50 deposit fee is required. The total cost of the clinic varies from $100 for a commuter coach or parent observer to $200 for athletes. The cost covers meals and a one night stay at a local motel for some, as well as transportation during the camp.

There are no application guarantees after Dec. 14 or postmarked after Dec. 12.

Persons interested can go to http://www.mssu.edu/athletics/pvclinic.htm for information.

Nationally known organization looks for new members at meet

The Public Relations Student Society of America will have a meet and greet at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Anyone is welcome to attend the event. It will be held in the Lion's Den. The PRSSA is a national organization which is looking for new members.

Board sponsors All Hallows Eve activities throughout campus

The Campus Activities Board is bringing Halloween to campus in the form of numerous activities throughout the week.

The first event, held from Monday-Thursday, will be Trick or Treat Bingo. Students can go by the student services office and pick up the sheet.

Take the sheet to listed offices and pick up the treats. The sheet needs to be turned back in by noon Thursday at Billingsly Student Center, Room 211. The drawings for prizes, including date packages, will be held at noon on Oct. 31.

The pumpkin carving contest will be held at noon Wednesday on the Oval. The first 20 pumpkins will be provided.

Prizes for freehand and pre-made carvings will be awarded. The event is weather permitting.

From 7:30 p.m.-midnight Thursday will be the scary movie marathon. The event will be held in the Lion's Den. Free popcorn and soda will be provided.

Oct. 31 will offer students the costume contest in Billingsly. The event will be held at noon.

Also on Halloween day is Safe Halloween in McCormick Hall.

The event is co-sponsored by the Residence Hall Association and takes place from 6-8 p.m. For information, persons may call 625-9346.

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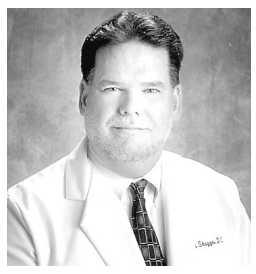

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Swabbing shows bacteria

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

One student's extracurricular science experiment allowed her to discover the bacteria in the Billingsly Student Center.

Shelley Manley, senior biology major, observed the way the food service provider, Sodexho, employees cleaned everything in the Lion's Den and decided to try something. So she and a friend swabbed four different areas with sterile Q-tips.

They swabbed the tray under the fountain dispenser, the inside of the fountain dispenser, a table top in the eating area and a wooden board employees use for preparing the food.

Then they placed the swabs on special plates and incubated them to promote the ovulation of the bacteria at 98.6 F (normal body temperature) for 48 hours. What they found was that most of the bacteria was on the wooden preparation board.

"There was a substantial amount," Manley said. "There was enough to cause illness on the wooden table."

In the lowest swab, there were three to four colonies of bacteria, while on the wooden board there were 10-15 colonies.

The minimal growth was found on the fountain.

The swabbing was done at 11 a.m.

"It was far enough after the breakfast rush and far enough before the lunch rush that they should have been cleaned," Manley said.

Jason Cummins, environmental health specialist at the Joplin Health Department, said the size of the area swabbed helps determine how serious the number of bacteria found is. He said three to four colonies in an area of 100 square centimeters is about average.

Ron Cooksey, general manager of dining services for Missouri Southern, said Sodexho has passed its inspections "with flying colors."

He said his staff takes a great deal of care to make sure and follow all the sanitation rules. Even with all the care, though, he said there is always going to be some bacteria.

"That's why we clean so much," Cooksey said. "You're always just going to find bacteria growing on every table."

He said he is interested to learn the results of the experiment done by Manley.

Manley said before she releases all the results, she is going to conduct the experiment one more time to make sure the results are "justifiable." She wants everyone to know what's going on in the cafeteria and thinks the students should know.

"I think that too many times we accept what's going on, and we don't do anything about it," Manley said. "We just did it because we got tired of it."

She said she observed Sodexho staff using the same rags over and over again to clean everything.

"It's like reusing dirty mop water to mop the floor again," Manley said.

Bill Shepherd/The Chart

Sam Edwards, cook for Sodexho in BSC, wipes down the kitchen counter.

Nathan Fischer, freshman undecided major, goes to the Lion's Den at least once a week.

He thinks the staff keeps it decently clean.

"It's better than high school," Fischer said.

He said he isn't worried about the bacteria found. He thinks the staff does a good job.

"It's impossible to get it clean," Fischer said. "There's bacteria on ourselves as we speak, and we consider ourselves clean."

Cooksey said the students can help by following the same methods of cleanliness as they were taught at home, including picking up one's own mess.

"It comes down to being respectful to the next person," he said.

Honing up on their strategies, Matt Porte, left, Sam Jones and Nathan Hurley play a round of Magic: The Gathering. The group has formed a gaming club on the bottom floor of Spiva Library.

Nancy Hight-Morris/The Chart

Club focuses on fun, games every meeting

BY RUSS ROPER
Staff Writer

"I'm trying to become a judge, so we can have sanctioned games and earn points toward the national standings."

Nathan Hurley
Freshman French Major

This is not a typical Saturday night card game.

There is a new club on campus whose games deal with fantasy, wizards and magic. It's called the Game Club.

The club got its start as just a game between friends after class. When Nate Billings, sophomore undecided major and member of *The Chart*, and Matt Porte, freshman psychology major, were playing one of the card games, other students began to show interest.

The idea of starting an organization was born.

The club holds meetings at 2 p.m. every Monday. It also holds an informal meeting at 2 p.m. every Friday for anyone that might wish to come.

"We're open to suggestions and hope to expand," said Michelle Parks, freshman international studies major. "Everybody is welcome to come."

Club members are still putting together the needed paperwork to submit to the Campus Activities Board in order to be approved and recognized by Missouri Southern as a campus organization.

"We're brand new, and we're still trying to get established as a group," Parks said.

Recruiting for the club is open, but not limited, to the University campus. Two of the members are in local high schools.

"We just want to find others with the same interests to add to our regular circle of friends," said Conrad Kelley, freshman computer information science major.

One of the primary games being played is Magic: The Gathering. These games are known as TCG (trade card games) or CCG (collectable card games). Other games include Dungeons and Dragons and table-top roll-playing board games.

"We're hoping to expand to other board games and computer-type games," said Merrill Soundararajan, freshman English secondary education major.

These games are also on a sanctioned circuit, being played around the world. There are many competitions sponsored by the larger card shops.

The sanctioned games are played for points.

The player who accumulates the highest number of points during the competitions is invited to play on the pro tour. Tournaments at this level are held in other countries such as Japan.

"I'm trying to become a judge, so we can have sanctioned games and earn points toward the national standings," said Nathan Hurley, freshman French major.

Background information about these pro tour competitions shows high earning potential for the players who are successful. There was a player with recorded winnings of more than $1 million.

"There is one guy, Dave Humphries, he graduated from MIT and is one of the professional tour players," said John Magoffin, senior secondary education major.

The Game Club has about 12 members and is open to anyone who is interested.

Those who would like to find out more about the new organization are welcome to attend the meetings.

The club holds its meeting at University Java on the bottom floor of the Spiva Library.

Graduation expo celebrates seniors with party theme

BY JOSH RAY
Executive Editor

It's time to help the graduating seniors move out the door.

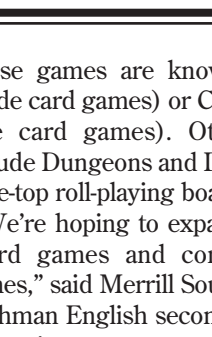
With around 250 students showing up at Spring 2003's graduation expo and around 350 students graduating in December, Kelly Wilson, director of student support services, is expecting another large turnout for the event. Last spring was the first time the expo was held at Missouri Southern.

"It far exceeded my expectations of students coming," Wilson said.

The expo will be held Wednesday in the student lounge of Billingsly Student Center. Wilson said the event is going to be set up like a party to honor the graduating seniors.

"We do it in a festive way," she said. "We want to celebrate them."

Amanda Atnip, senior general studies major, is coming to the event to "find a job." She heard about the expo through an e-mail and postings around campus.



Kelly Wilson
Director of Student Support Services

She is hoping to talk with the businesses at the expo to present her job résumé and get her foot in the door for after graduation.

"They are more apt to call you if they've met you personally," Atnip said.

Also for seniors will be places where they can finish up the little things required for graduation that they might have forgotten, like ordering their caps and gowns or signing up for an exit interview.

"It's a good way to get those small things done," Wilson said.

Jostens, CB Graduation Announcements, the Alumni Association and the business office are just a few of the scheduled booths, as well as information on graduate schools.

The business office will also be set up to make sure students do not have any financial discrepancies on their account they need to take care of before December.

The business office booth will have a Mardi Gras theme and will be handing out beads and such.

"They're excited to maybe be seen in a different light," Wilson said.

Drawings will also be held for items from the bookstore, Jostens, CB and different restaurants and hotels in town. Wilson said she hopes the seniors will feel "appreciated" by the event.

"Just come," she said. "Be celebrated."

The event will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and then from 4-7 p.m. to accommodate all interested.

Mock interviews will also be held from 9 a.m.-noon.

State officials win annual alumni awards

BY JERRY MANTER
Editor-in-Chief

The Alumni Association went searching in Jefferson City for this year's Outstanding Alumni awards.

Taking home the honors this year are State Sen. Gary Nodler, State Rep. Ron Richard and State Rep. Marilyn Ruestman. All are graduates from Missouri Southern, and they were all heavily involved in seeking out the Southern name change for the institution.

Gary Nodler
State Senator

"We're proud of the winners," said Lee Pound, director of the Alumni Association. "All of them helped Missouri Southern become a university."

Nodler, a 1972 Southern graduate with a bachelor's degree in political science, was elected in November 2002 to the Missouri State Senate.

In 1991, Nodler was appointed to serve as a member of the Rural Policy Working Group, a cabinet-level working group of the Economic Policy Council at the White House.

The Joplin resident wasn't expecting the honor.

"It was very honoring," Nodler said.

Marilyn Ruestman
State Representative

Nodler said he thought it was a good idea Southern chose alumni from the state legislature as winners this year.

"The timing was really good," Nodler said. "The name change bill has significant impact on the future of the University and the region."

Ruestman represents parts of McDonald and Newton counties and was elected to the House in November 2002.

She was elected treasurer of the freshman class of the 92nd General Assembly.

Ron Richard
State Representative

Ruestman is a recipient of the Woman of the Year award from the Missouri Federated Republican Women.

During her time at Southern, she attained a bachelor's degree from Southern and her master's degree from Pittsburg State University.

Ruestman was unavailable for comment for this story.

Ron Richard, who represents portions of Newton and Jasper counties, was also surprised and excited by the honor.

"Any time you're recognized by the institution you graduated from it makes you feel gracious and humble," Richard said. "I was very surprised and very pleased."

Richard was elected to the House in November 2002.

He is the former mayor of Joplin, serving from 1994-1997.

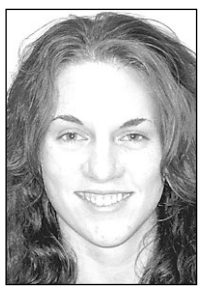
"I'm very honored to join a long list of graduates that have received this award," Richard said.

Along with the Outstanding Alumni awards, the Alumni Association presented its annual Lionhearted Awards.

This year's winners were Missouri state representatives Bryan Stevenson, Ed Emery, Jack Goodman, Steve Hunter, Larry Gene Taylor and Kevin Wilson.

Editor's Column

Feminist movement takes equality too far



Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

I'm all for women's rights. Almost nothing upsets me more than male chauvinism or the abuse of women.

However, I have a bone to pick with the feminist movement. The sexual revolution has resulted in higher single mother and teen pregnancy rates. Women's empowerment has disrupted the natural family structure and hurts our children. Is this really what our mothers wanted for us?

The idea is a good one but has been taken too far. Feminists have even tried to assert that pornography is a symbol of a woman's freedom because it liberates a woman to use her body as she pleases. The truth is that our feminist society encourages women to parade themselves as purely sexual beings. This hurts not only the poor woman who's body has been willingly turned into an object of masturbation, but also for all women who are consistently being treated with less and less respect. Women say they want equal rights and respect in the workplace, but self-proclaimed objects don't demand much respect.

Feminism has convinced our nation's mothers to leave their children and homes to enter the workplace in droves. This disrupts the natural family structure. There is an increasing population of "latch-key kids" who spend far too much time unsupervised.

We conduct studies on the sources of deviant behavior in children and prescribe counseling and Ritalin to the troubled tots. Study results point to the destruction of the traditional family.

I'm not saying that a woman's place is in the home, I myself am an aspiring journalist, but our nation's mothers need to get their priorities straight. We are breeding a generation of socially inept deviants.

Another frightening trend is emerging where career women wait to have children until they have established themselves vocationally, only to find that they have waited too long and are unable to conceive. This explains the increasing demand for fertility drugs.

Feminism has pushed women's rights past fair treatment to inappropriate lengths.

The fundamental truth is that men and women are equal but different. Each gender has a completely separate, but equally essential, role in this game called life. Women need to stop trying to be men and realize that they don't need a penis to be a person.

Feminism has become a crutch to the women's movement. We have become so open-minded that our brains are falling out.

Melissa Dunson is the Diversions Editor for The Chart. *Her opinions are her own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

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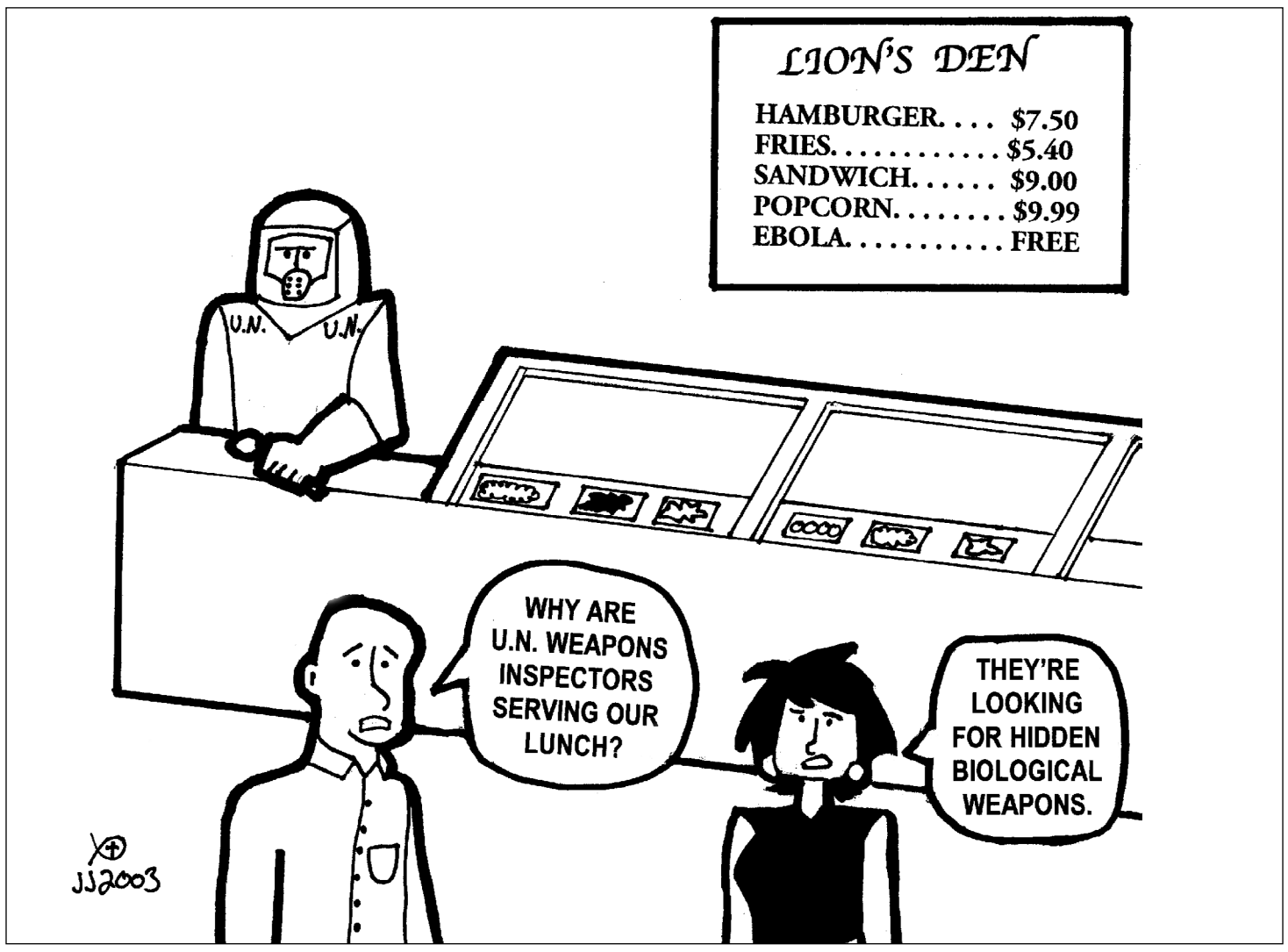
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Clean up after yourselves

Chart Opinion

They say cleanliness is next to godliness, and if this is the case, then Missouri Southern has a long way to go.

Many students have worked, or do work, in food service and, because of their experience, know that cleaning accounts for most of the job.

The prices this year are lower in the Lion's Den. The food, some might say, is even better. However, Sodexho may soon discover that many students will be eating elsewhere if the dining area and food prep areas are not kept clean.

This is a responsibility that falls on students and staff alike. Clean up your mess. It's as simple as that.

When you and your clique are done with your meal, put the dishes on a tray and dispose of them in the proper receptacles. If the trash can you choose happens to be full, do not attempt to shove your garbage in creating more of a mess. A mere 10 steps or so will take you to another trash can, this one probably empty. Next, stack your trays neatly on top of the trash cans. If you follow these simple steps, the Lion's Den will prove to be a much cleaner place to eat.

As for the staff members, they too can help. For the most part, they do their jobs well.

However, here are a few friendly suggestions. Change your gloves often, wash your hands as often as possible, keep your food prep area clean and keep your hair out of your face.

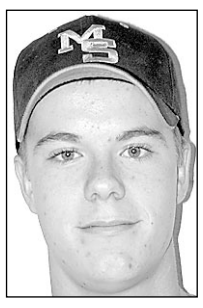
The students will thank you with their business.

Campus Voice BY NANCY HIGHT-MORRIS

Do you think the Lion's Den and the cafeteria are clean enough?

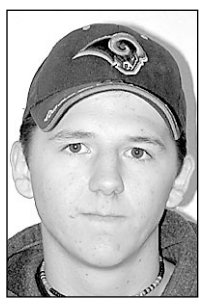
"I see the employees out cleaning up after us all the time so to me it's pretty clean. The only complaint I have is that the Student Life Center has tons of flies in there, which is probably mostly our fault."

Holly Hirsch
Senior
Art
Major



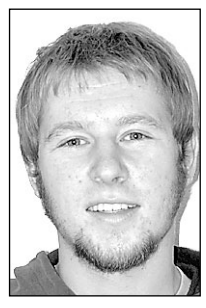
"Well besides the stains on the floor it looks like my house. That's neither good nor bad."

Chase Aleshire
Freshman
Mathematics
Major



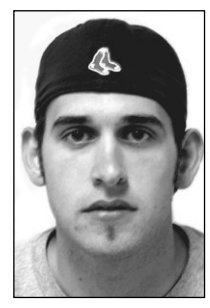
"It's cleaner than my dorm room so to me it's clean enough to eat there."

Steven Wolven
Freshman
Biology
Major



"I think that the cleanliness is exquisite, and the staff does an excellent job and should be applauded for it."

David Skinner
Junior
Biology
Major



"I think it could be cleaner. It just always seems dirty, and there are a lot of flies around the condiment table. But basically, it is the students' faults for not picking up after themselves."

Aaron Clemens
Senior
Health Promotion and Wellness Major

Letters

Students deserve a voice on matters affecting them

It seems to me that there are quite a few places for recreation around the campus that are underutilized as it is. Now there is a need for a new one?

It was expressed that it is because of a want for students to use the weight/fitness equipment. Solution: Open up the multi-who-knows-how-much-money-athletic center for students. Make it closed on hours for athletic training only and open for students any other time.

It was mentioned that this new recreation center would also be a place for students to gather and have social functions.

Don't we do those already in our existing facilities?

In a time of "budget crisis," when our tuition keeps going up, and with our enrollment decline, it may not be the time to start considering a new center.

Perhaps ask the students themselves what they want first; then go from there. When the budget looks better, then put options, not just one, in front of the students to give their opinions on.

We attend here, so why don't we have a say here?

Tina Mullaney
Junior Criminal Justice Administration Major

'Anonymous preacher' leaves out vital concept

As Christians, we wish to comment on the "anonymous" man and his family who have been "preaching" at the 9-11 Memorial flag in the recent past.

After a few lengthy observations, we have become very disappointed in the message that man had to give — as it was one of sheer hopelessness.

Though the few things he did point out were indeed true, it appears as if he was there simply to start arguments, even with fellow believers. He refused to answer their questions and instead chose to antagonize those who were mocking him.

Most importantly, he failed to mention the most vital concept of Christianity:

"Though we are indeed sinners by nature, we can be forgiven for our sins if we believe in and accept Jesus Christ. In an act of pure mercy, God gave his son as the ultimate sacrifice for the sins of the earth. All we have to do in order to be "saved" and go to heaven is to simply ask for forgiveness and acknowledge God's sacrifice by accepting Jesus Christ."

We feel that instead of starting heated arguments over topics such as "the big-bang theory" and telling people that they are straight-up "going to hell," the man should have sent a message of hope by repeatedly giving this "staple" message of Christianity. This upsets us the most because it has given Christians a bad name. Our message is that of hope — there is only one way out of hell and a rather simple way at that.

You can be as great and giving of a person as you want in this life, but if you don't believe in God's sacrifice, then nothing else matters.

Derrick Glasco
Senior Biology Major
Crystal Harrell
Junior Elementary Education Major

University should trim education to flexibility

I would like to commend Dr. Jeff Martinek for his recent column defending traditional liberal arts education in our fast-food culture.

He's quite right to point out that the blurring of the line between job training and education is a detriment to both enterprises.

It's like our mothers told us growing up, "if you try to do too many things at once, you'll end up not doing anything very well."

The university is simply not the place to provide "job training;" that much is clear.

But what is less clear is what the role of the university in 21st century life should be.

The role of the university has undergone constant and ubiquitous evolution over the last several centuries and has, in my opinion, become overly bloated and bureaucratic. It's only natural that people have become suspicious of it.

What is needed is a trimming of the educational vine, a leaner, meaner university that can engender in its students the love of learning and intellectual flexibility characteristic of traditional liberal arts education, without the oppressive "politically correct" bureaucracy which smothers individuality.

Then truly our educational system will reflect the wisdom of that great American pioneer statesman Jebadiah Springfield who said, "a noble spirit embiggens the smallest man."

Adam Taylor
Senior English/German Major

Couple shares Cuban heritage, culture

BY NATE BILLINGS
International Editor

When Spanish-speaking residents need a lawyer, there is only one true choice.

Aldo Dominguez is the only fluent Spanish-speaking attorney in the Joplin area. He and his wife, Diana, a full-time mother, are also the only Cuban couple in the area.

They will present an overview of their life and culture at 1 p.m. Oct. 31 in Webster Hall Auditorium as part of the Cuba Semester.

Their presentation will be titled "Cuba On Our Mind: Reflections of Joplin's Only Cuban-American Couple."

"We try to incorporate local experts," said Dr. Chad Stebbins, director of the Institute of International Studies.

The couple has enjoyed the semester events.

"I love it," Diana said, "I think it is so great. I'm very proud that people take an interest in Cuba."

The couple did not know of the idea before Stebbins contacted them, but both were happy to be part of the program.

"I was surprised, but pleased," Diana said.

"I was excited," Aldo said. "Anytime you get to talk about your culture and share your experiences, you welcome that experience."

The couple will focus on the differences between each other's experiences in coming to the United States.

Aldo came to the United States in 1965 because his family was fleeing the communist government of Cuba. Diana came to the United States in 1988 on a relative petition through the U.S. government.

Aldo later moved to Kansas City where he met Diana and had many Joplin-area attorneys contact him for help with Spanish-speaking clients.

After the couple got married, Aldo thought being a Spanish-speaking attorney gave him ample opportunity to set up a practice in Joplin.

"A lot of calls come from the workplace," Aldo said. "You see many inequalities in the workplace."

He said that by word-of-mouth, his practice has grown. About 70 percent of his clients are Spanish speaking.

In order to keep some secrecy about the presentation, Aldo did not give away much of the items he and his wife are going to present.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Drawing on her heritage and her travels, Dr. Ruth Behar translates poems and other works based on the Cuban traditions for students.

Anthropologist uncovers her own Cuba

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

As a Cuban-American, Dr. Ruth Behar, professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan, views herself as being a translator to understand the island's complexity.

Behar presented her reflections on this subject at 11 a.m. Oct. 22 in Webster Hall Auditorium.

Around 60 people attended Behar's speech "Translating Cuba: Predicaments of a Diasporic Anthropologist."

Behar was born in Havana and came to the United States with her family in 1962.

Behar read a mixture of poetry and prose about her personal experiences in Cuba. In the poem she called Cuba the "most beautiful and most desperate island" and emphasized why she needed a "fresh injection of Cubaness" by traveling to her home country.

Behar will assist as a study guide for a Cuban discovery tour in November.

"This poses a lot of complicated questions for me, because I am not sure when I go what side I am on," Behar said. "Am I like these Americans going on a kind of tourist trip to Cuba, or am I a Cuban who really belongs on the island rather than on the outside?"

During her speech, she used the term "self-reflexive" to explain her experiences.

"It's a term from anthropology," she said. "When anthropologists use the experiences in other places to reflect upon what they have seen and how they are transformed by what they have seen, that's called being self-reflexive."

Behar ended her speech by stating that every translation is combined with a loss.

Aaron Scott, freshman undecided major, was interested in the Cuban people and their every-day life.

"Anything more that I can learn about Cuba is interesting to me," Scott said.

Laura Phillips, freshman marketing and communications major, appreciated the way Behar presented Cuban history.

"The speech was really good as far as learning about Cuban history and how they (Cubans) are," she said.

The Cuba Semester

***Everything I Kept*:**
Being a Poet in Cuba
10 a.m., Friday
Webster Hall Auditorium

Cuba On Our Mind: Reflections of Joplin's Only Cuban-American Couple
1 p.m., Oct. 31
Webster Hall Auditorium

Jazz with a Cuban Flair
7:30 p.m., Nov. 11
Webster Hall Auditorium

Cuba Policy: Setting a Foundation for the Future
11 a.m., Nov. 13
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pass you by this year!

The Campus Activities Board would like to introduce some **Boo-rific** events **spooking** their way on to campus.

Monday, Oct. 27 through Thursday, Oct. 30.

Trick or Treat Bingo

Start at the Student Services Office, BSC 211. Go to the listed offices and collect treats. Turn in your sheet to the Student Activities Office by noon on Thursday.

Drawings for prizes, which include date packages (dinner and movie tickets) will be on Friday at noon.
Winners do not have to be present to win!

Wednesday, Oct. 29.
Pumpkin Carving Contest
The Oval at noon (weather permitting)
First 20 pumpkins will be provided. Prizes will be awarded for freehand carvings and premade drawings.
Sponsored by CAB and Sodexho

Thursday, Oct. 30.
Scary Movie Marathon
7:30p.m. until midnight, BSC (Lions Den)
free popcorn and soda

Friday, Oct. 31.

Costume Contest
BSC at noon

Safe Halloween,
McCormick Hall,
6-8p.m.
Sponsored by RHA and CAB

All events are sponsored by the Campus Activities Board
For questions, please contact us at 625-9346

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Diversions

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Micah Martin, senior music education major, plays a collection of drums and cymbals, called an English suite, during his senior recital Oct. 21 in Webster Hall Auditorium. Martin has been studying percussion at Missouri Southern for four-and-a-half years. He is one of only four Southern music majors to specialize in percussion.

Percussion recital rocks classical style

By Melissa Dunson
Diversions Editor

An unusual sound was heard in Webster Hall Auditorium Oct. 21.

Micah Martin, senior music education major, performed his senior recital focused on percussion to around 50 people.

The 23-year-old Martin is one of only four Missouri Southern students focusing their studies on percussion.

Martin is a shining star in the music department and is known as much for character as his musical abilities.

"In many ways this is a spectacular recital," said Al Carnine, professor of music. "This is one individual that really allows his emotions to show through his playing, whereas when you talk with him, he is a very quiet student and really nice and courteous to everyone."

"He allows his expressions to come out through his music, not everybody's that way and it's wonderful."

Martin has been playing percussion instruments for the last 11, but didn't realize he wanted to devote his life to it until he cam to college.

"I accidentally became a music major," Martin said.

The decision was made after auditioning for a scholarship at Southern.

"The department head at the time was like 'I'm going to put you down as a music education major because in music performance you can't make a whole lot of money when you graduate and this way you'll at least have a job,'" Martin said.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Damon Graue, left, Micah Martin and Josh Zimmer play 'Stubernic' by Mark Ford on the marimba. The piece utilizes the entire body of the instrument, including bars, frame and resonators. The piece is complex and the musicians rotate positions during the song.

The slight nudge by the administration was all Martin needed to discover his hidden passion.

"I was like, oh, I guess I'm a music major; I'll give this a shot," he said. "I just kind of stuck with it."

Jeremy Kushner, director of percussion studies, has been teaching Martin for two years and praised him on the culmination of his four-and-a-half years of study.

"Micah is a great player," Kushner said. "He's made a lot of progress in the last year and a half, a lot of progress. He's going to be very successful and have a great career."

The hour-long recital exhibited Martin's skill on several instruments. He began with a piece by Elliot Carter performed on four timpani drums. The large drums have large reflective brass barrels resembling half of an egg.

He used special rattan drumsticks covered with cloth.

Martin played two pieces on the marimba, his favorite instrument.

The marimba's four legs and rows of wooden slats resemble a xylophone.

Martin performed David Friedman's "Mirror From Another" on the vibraphone.

The vibraphone consists of electric motors that spins fans inside the resonator tubes and creates the vibrato effect. It has a foot pedal like a piano that dampens the sound.

He also included some more contemporary sounds into the recital with three pieces by William Kraft on a collection of drums and cymbals of various styles and sizes called an English Suite.

The recital ended with a trio marimba piece by Mark Ford that featured Martin, Damon Graue and Josh Zimmer.

The piece utilizes not only the bars of the marimba but also the frame and the resonator pipes as well.

The players rotate positions at the instrument without missing a beat and arrive in their original positions at one point in the song.

Martin wants to pursue graduate school in New Mexico, Florida, Illinois or Iowa.

If unable to pursue further schooling, he said he wants to teach.

He currently spends two-four hours a day practicing.

"I practice all the freaking time," he said.

After all of this, Martin is still unsure of where his passion originates.

I just feel like I'm supposed to do it," he said.

Pumpkin carving contest, scary movie night set for Halloween week

By T.J. Gerlach
Public Forum Editor

Halloween week began the discussion at the Oct. 22 Campus Activities Board meeting.

Julie Blackford, director of student activities, said Sodexho Campus Services donated 20 pumpkins for the pumpkin-carving contest.

Suggested prizes for the contest are date packages and candy.

At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, CAB has planned a scary-movie night. The first movie will be more family-oriented; *Ghostbusters* was the proposed title. After that will be a more college-age movie. Ideas for it are still in the air, but *Stephen King's Rose Red* was suggested.

Monday through Thursday CAB is sponsoring "trick-or-treat bingo."

Students will be able to pick up cards at any participating office around campus and can turn in their cards at the last office they visit. Prizes will be similar to the pumpkin-carving contest prizes.

"I think it's a good way for people to get to know what all the offices do," Blackford said.

She said Halloween week will be a "low-key week."

Members also discussed the *Finding Nemo* movie night to be held on Nov. 14. They said helium-filled balloons will be given away to children.

Spring events were next on the agenda.

CAB is still planning a lecture for the spring semester.

A "girls'-night-in" was proposed as a possible spring event.

Another proposal was to hold a pool-party in Southern's pool on Safe Spring Break.

"I think a pool party in mid-March would be fun," Blackford said.

She said she would have to speak with the Safe Spring Break planning committee.

A cultural-awareness day is being planned in conjunction with the international club.

Also, events are in planning for black history month.

Blackford also mentioned working with Student Senate to get an electric sign for the campus.

"We've been trying to get an electric sign to promote our events since this is such a large commuter campus," she said.

"In the long-run it would be better for the campus as a whole."

All 13 in attendance agreed putting a suggestion drop box outside the student activities office would be a good idea.

"We want to do things for the students," Blackford said. "I just want students to get involved because that's who we program for. We need to know what we're doing right."

"And we're not opposed to hearing what we're doing wrong."

Terry Levy, junior pre-law/criminal justice administration major, said the box would be a good way to get ideas.

"I think we used all our ideas early on," he said.

Board members also discussed possible ways to get more students involved with CAB and its events.

Having more giveaways was the major idea proposed.

"Students like giveaways," Blackford said. "So I don't have a problem with spending money for giveaways. If we give away 500 T-shirts, that's 500 students who've been served."

Another idea was to change the meeting time — a change that would not take effect until the spring semester.

For now, meeting times stand at 2 p.m. every Wednesday in the second floor lounge of the Billingsly Student Center.

Blackford encourages all students to attend the meetings.

Percussion recital brings cultural flair to Webster Hall Auditorium Oct. 21. Read the story for information.

Native Songbird

Singer, songwriter brings performance to campus

BY MELISSA DUNSON
Diversions Editor

An artist on the brink of fame brings her intercultural style to Missouri Southern.

Martha Redbone will perform 7 p.m., Oct. 30, at Taylor Auditorium. The concert is being sponsored by Eccentrix and the Native American Student Association. Redbone will perform songs from her current album *Home of the Brave*, a reference to her Native American heritage.

Redbone is the product of a Native American mother (Blackfoot and Choctaw) and an African-American father. She is proud of her multi-racial heritage even after facing racism. Her stage name "redbone" is southern slang for a person of mixed black and Native-American heritage.

"I grew up being teased about it," Redbone said in a review by Veronica Chambers. "Black was beautiful when I was growing up, but where did that leave me? I embrace Redbone now as my own definition of beauty."

Brian Speer, manager of American Indian art and crafts at Eccentrix, has worked closely with NASA to bring Redbone to the area.

"It's going to be a contemporary concert," he said. "It's not going to be along the traditional lines that a lot of folks might think, like flutes, drums or a pow-wow. She's very contemporary, she's like Britney Spears."

Vocally she has been compared to Macy Gray, Sheryl Crow, Nikka Costas, India.arie and Norah Jones.

Her music is an eclectic multi-cultural collection that reflects her diverse heritage. *Home of the Brave* incorporates soul, hip-hop, jazz, folk-blues, funk, gospel and pop along with Native-American rhythms and themes. She categorizes her music as "native soul" and critics have compared it to U2, Marvin Gay, Al Green, Stevie Wonder and Jimi Hendrix.

Redbone is a world-class performer. Her album focuses on her vocals, but she also plays guitar and piano, writes all of her songs, and produces her material via her company "Blackfeet Productions."

Redbone's honors and awards include 2002 Native-American Music Awards "Debut Artist of the Year," "Best of New York" by NYRock.com and two nominations for "Just Plain Folks Awards 2003."

The concert comes right before her late night debut on Jay Leno Oct. 31.

"We're at the end of her long *Home of the Brave* run and then she's onto new territory," Speer said.

She said her influences include Prince and Sly and the Family Stone.

While some critics try to categorize Redbone, others refuse to limit her with a definition.

"This woman is a true original; the kind of artist who sets trends, as opposed to following them," said music critic Larry Flick in an issue of *Billboard Magazine*.

Tickets are available for $10 with a student ID. Persons interested can call 206-9400 for information.

Play offers audience new take on classic Stevenson novel

REVIEW BY DAVID HAUT
Staff Writer

The house lights went down, the credits rolled and an audience was transformed. Southern's theatre department's rendition of *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* was unlike anything I've ever seen.

"We're trying to give it a more cinematic feel," said Brandon Painter, senior theatre major and director.

"You'll see some things you haven't seen before," said Josh Jeffries, a graduate of Southern who reprises the roles of *Dr.Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*.

Complete with rolling credits and three-dimensional projections, both Painter and Jeffries stayed true to their word.

Taking us back to London in the late 1800's, the story is a tale of Dr. Henry Jekyll, a scientist who has created for himself a way to bring out an alternate personality, the evil Mr. Hyde.

As Jekyll begins to use his potion more and more, he begins to lose control of the transformations between himself and his alter ego, Hyde. Hyde begins to appear unexpectedly, and is wanted for the murder.

Jekyll also has a girlfriend, the lovely Agnes, whose confusion about Jekyll only leads to frustration.

Unable to control the transformations between his two egos, and unable to locate the ingredients for his original potion, Jekyll eliminates Hyde by taking his own life.

Performing in his first lead role, Jeffries stole the show with his Jekyll/Hyde character. He brilliantly gave life to both the good Henry Jekyll and the evil Edward Hyde.

Senior theatre major Rachel Weisensee, the confused and conflicted love interest Agnes, added a wonderful paradox to the story and the supporting cast of John Seitz and Austin Phipps were a perfect fit.

The use of smoke and green lights were a fantastic part of the show, which according to Painter, it is the same method used in the early adaptation of the play.

The green lights cued the transformation and presence of Mr. Hyde and gave an added effect to his appearance.

Festival educates public with bands, speakers

ARON CROUSE
Staff Write

The Cannabis Festival overcame an early power outage Oct. 18 to draw a large crowd.

"The festival was an absolute success," said Jason Sain, co-organizer.

The festival was delayed an hour-and-a-half due to power problems, but once underway, a crowd of 750 people indulged themselves with seven hours of live music and educational speakers.

"Good music and a good reason to be out here and show support," said Scott Switzer, resident of Joplin.

In order to help pay for the event, Sain and Chris Davis, co-organizer, sold T-shirts for $20, and they also had food vendors selling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Blood Red Moon, from Pittsburg, was the first band on stage.

People laid out on the ground relaxing and others were right up front head-banging to the heavier bands.

At 2 p.m. guest speaker Corey Spice spoke about the marijuana laws and initiatives from Washington, D.C. His main focus was individual rights.

"I think it's cool that they're out here teaching freedom and rights," said Jonathan Fletchall, Joplin resident. "I hope there is one next year."

The festival brought together a diversified crowd with people 17-40 years of age and every kind of hairstyle that can be imagined, from dreadlocks to Mohawks.

Washington state recently attempted to make marijuana possession the least of their priorities with Initiative 746, which is a new drug reform that decriminalizes possession of up to 40 grams of marijuana. The Initiative failed to meet the signatures required for the ballot, but the state of Oregon now has a petition to legalize marijuana. They have 57,000 signatures out of the 66,786 needed.

Sain said the law would be a positive step toward the legalization of marijuana.

"I think that all the speakers came in with different ideas and educational issues," said Davis. "This year was a lot more professional."

Area residents responded positively to the controversial gathering.

"I loved the music," said Colin Kissick, Joplin resident.

"I've been here a couple of times before and I think more people need to come," said Teracy Kirsch, Joplin resident. "This is freedom damn it."

Davis said all the bands played for free. They were here to gain recognition and help promote a strong issue.

The festival ended at 9:30 p.m. with the band Ilija, who put on a loud final show.

"It's good for awareness," said Joel Evans, lead singer of Ilija. "Marijuana has been demonized by the public for too long."

Sain said the festival has gained rapport with the police department after proving to be peaceful and non-violent.

"The seventh annual is already being planned and we have already booked the bands,"

Sain said.

Davis said with the lack of funds produced that he will possibly be looking at charging $5 per person at next year's festival.

Andy Tevis/The Chart

Bassist Devin Krtek of the Joplin band One Track Mind plays during the band's performance at the Cannabis Revival festival Oct. 8.

Area Events

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Melissa Dunson at 625-9311.

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Beyond Borders, *Radio* and *Scary Movie 3* open at the Northstar 14 Theaters.

Far From Yesterday CD Release Party @ 9:30 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Duke Mason-variety music show @ 8 p.m. @ The Route 66 Theatre.

Levee Town concert @ 9 p.m. @ BB's Lawnside BBQ in Kansas City.

Shadow Moon fall festival featuring The Fugitives, Hog Molly and Jah-roots @ 9 p.m. @ Monett.

"Everything I Kept: Being a Poet in Cuba" lecture by Dr. Ruth Behar @ 10 a.m. in Webster Hall Auditorium.

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Glory Days "Live Music Cafe" @ 8 p.m @ Glory Days Music.

"Roktober Battle" concert featurig Crosshatch, Dark is th eDay and Station 20 @ 6:30 p.m. @ The Bridge.

Cannonballers @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Shadow Moon fall festival featuring Tiffiany Christopher, Barnyard Orchestra and The Rollers @ 8 p.m. in Monett.

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Karaoke from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. @ Murphy's Irish Pub.

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BSU Joy Explosion @ 7 p.m.

Depression Screenings: free and confidential from 10 a.m.-noon @ The Health Center and 1:30-2:30 p.m. @ Billingsly Student Center.

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BSU Lunch-n-Counter @ Noon.

CAB meeting @ 2 p.m. second floor BSC.

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Karaoke and all you can eat Tacos @ 8 p.m. @ J-Town

Karaoke @ 10 p.m. @ The Green Room.

Warrant and Firehouse concert @ 7 p.m. @ Joplin Memorial Hall.

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Krazy Karaoke @ 9 p.m. @ Champ's Bar and Grill

Campus Crusade for Christ @ 7:30 p.m. @ the Student Life Center.

Scary Movie Marathon @ 6 p.m. @ The Lion's Den.

The Manbas concert @ 9:30 p.m. @ Kitchen Pass in Neosho.

Martha Redbone concert @ 7 p.m. @ Taylor Auditorium.

Freakers Ball featuring Marilyn Manson @ 5 p.m. @ the Kansas City International Raceway.

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REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

St. John's Hospice lends help with holiday woes

Hospice of St. John's Regional Medical Center will offer a holiday bereavement support group, Tinsel and Tears, through Dec. 9. The program will be held from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the St. John's Mercy Health Resource Library on the St. John's campus.

Information about grieving and its relationship to the coming holiday season will be shared to help those in need cope with the holidays.

The program is free and open to the public. To make reservations or obtain more information, persons may call St. John's Hospice at 625-2325.

Health Essentials works to head off flu bug

With the cold and flu season approaching, Health Essentials is offering flu shots to the public at the cost of $12 per shot. Having a flu shot helps reduce the likelihood of contracting influenza during the season.

Shots are available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, at Health Essentials. Health Essentials is located at 1130 East 32 St. in Joplin.

For more information, persons may contact Kelli Norris at 623-0166.

High schools play it safe, avoid lightning

Joplin High School has invested in hand-held lightning detectors to better predict the threat of lightning during football games. Storms on Sept. 26 caused several area schools including Joplin, Carl Junction and Baxter Springs to either suspend play or cancel the games altogether.

School officials said they do not consider the lightning to be a threat to fans or players until the it is between eight and 20 miles away.

Sports complex has new mission

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff writer

The addition of a retail facility, a museum and a golf training facility are just a few of the changes that are taking place at the Four Seasons Sports Complex in Joplin.

There is a new group of owners, joining Rick Prigg, who started Four Seasons as one of the members. Scott Brown, one of the new owners, said that there will be some positive differences there in the near future.

"We are trying to make some changes out here that will help to improve Joplin," Brown said.

Among the new additions will be an after school program that targets at-risk children. It will emphasize math, science and history, among other topics, taught from a sports standpoint.

"We are going to start an after school program here," said Bill Hayes, managing member of the new team of owners. "We are going to apply the same proven lesson plans that are written around golf."

When it comes to the education of the students, the new ownership wants to form a partnership with school districts in the area.

"We are going to work with the school system, not against them," Prigg said.

Hayes has previous experience working with at risk children. In 1978 he founded the Chi Chi Rodriguez Youth Foundation, an organization he remains with as its president.

He has received awards for education throughout his career, and has addressed the U. S. Secretary of Education on education reform and funding.

The complex will also be the site for the production of a reality television show based on golf.

The new show, "Teaching Freddie," will be a half-hour weekly show based around Hayes and other professional golfers teaching Freddie Cornell the finer aspects of golf to prepare him for the PGA tour.

"I was going to teach Freddie anyway," Hayes said. "So I decided to just do it here in Joplin."

The money raised from the show will go back into the school to help with the education of children.

"The reality television show will generate more money for the kids," Prigg said. "And I believe that eventually it will be nationally syndicated."

"If the people get involved with the main characters and take a vested interest in them, then the show will be successful," said John Hoffman, general manager of KSN TV.

"But that is the whole key, how involved can you get the viewing public with the main characters in the show."

KSN will be airing the show, which begins taping in late October, and is slated to go on air sometime in April.

The changes are expected to be in place by late April.

Car dealership builds new home after 20 years

BY ALICE HOSSAIN
Staff Writer

With access to more than one million vehicles nationwide, Joplin Ford is one of the largest single point dealerships in the Midwest.

After 20 years at 32nd Street and Range Line Road, Joplin Ford has moved to a new modernized store across from the Northpark Mall.

Jay Loveland is the general manager of the new Joplin Ford. He said the relocation was an upgrade of facility.

"The old building would not house us anymore as far as we did not have enough room on the lot," he said. "Service department was not functional anymore. It was just time for an upgrade."

Loveland said the outside exhibition space offers more possibilities for the customers.

"We were able to physically deliver automobiles to people and that is what they say is out here we can show them how everything operates on their car, before they take it home," he said.

Other Joplin car dealerships like Frank Fletcher Toyota are doing business as usual.

"We do not share a common customer base for the Ford store, so it did not affect our store very much," said Dale Wano, sales manager from Frank Fletcher Toyota, about the Joplin Ford move.

"One other thing that we have got here that we did not have at the other dealership is a training facility which we use not only for our sales people, but we can bring people in from other stores and do all their training here," Loveland said.

The construction work took about one year in all, but the outcome was satisfying for Loveland.

"The feedback has been very positive," he said.

"It is not hard to get that out of a new facility as nice as this is in comparison to what our old dealership was. It is like night and day.

"Our old customers are very impressed and I think our new customers are, too, because we have tried to really market the new Joplin Ford.

"And when I say the new Joplin Ford I do not mean just in facility, either our people, our attitude, we are trying to treat people the way they like to be treated."

Management is proud of the facility and is also trying to give the dealership a new start.

Patti Richardson/The Chart

Joplin Ford moved into a new facility in the neighborhood of Northpark Mall.

The move was partly inspired by the management's desire to improve customer service within the dealership.

Original plans had scheduled the new facility to open last May.

Delays in the construction and renovation process prevented the staff from moving in until August.

"It had some reputation problems if you will," he said. "That is why they brought me in on first of July as to try to get our customer's satisfaction back to where it should be."

Loveland said so far business has been better and it is increasing on a monthly basis.

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International party 'fosters understanding, friendship'

More than 70 students present for dinner, festivities

BY T.J. GERLACH
Public Forum Editor

With many donning their culture's native clothes and speaking their native language, international students came to have fun Oct. 18.

University President Julio León and his wife Vivian, director of the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition, hosted their annual party celebrating the various nationalities and cultures represented at Southern and throughout the area in the Connor Ballroom of Billingsly Student Center.

Julio León said at least 71 countries were represented from all six populated continents. The flags of those 71 nations were displayed around the room.

The Leóns have hosted this party for five years.

This was the first year Hoang Do, junior international business major from Vietnam, has attended.

"I wanted to come see how diverse this state was," Do said." "There are a lot of nationalities and a lot of new faces."

Fredrick Amukonyi, junior business administration major from Kenya, attended this year's party and 2002's.

He said he comes to meet people from different countries and to experience different cultures.

"It's like a conglomerate of different countries," Amukonyi said. "It brings us together."

Kufara Marimba, a faculty band, played African music as the more than 300 attendees arrived.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout," Vivian León said. "It has gotten better every year."

Julio León said this year's party had the most people in attendance in the party's five-year history.

After Kufara Marimba finished playing, everyone was invited to eat by Julio León.

Once most were finished eating, he introduced Elias Bichara, junior marketing major from Lebanon and Nigeria, to be the master of ceremonies for a talent show.

This was Bichara's third year attending the party and his second year emceeing the talent show.

He said he knows all the international students but was only there to present them so they could show off their talents.

International students performed in the talent show, with acts including a French singer/guitarist, dancers representing several cultures and two Zambian students from Ozark Christian College, Humphrey Kalomo and Anderson Bambokile, singing a Christian song a cappella in their native language.

After the show, Julio León invited everyone to participate in a line dance — which celebrated American culture.

Vivian León said more people participated this year than ever before.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for them (international students) to get acquainted with people," she said. "The cultural diversity is really interesting."

Julio León said he was pleased to see so many international students from Southern, other colleges and area high schools.

"I'm pleased to see so many people come and support our international mission," he said.

All who attended had a good time.

"I think it's wonderful — bringing people together," Vivian León said. "It fosters understanding and friendship."

By Naoko Onoda/The Chart

Seniors Marie-Pierre Astry, international business major, and Cherazade Hamdane, international business major, stand up and clap when their home country of France is called out.

PROTEST:

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pavilion, but he disagreed with the hour-long time period.

"The students are hindered," he said.

Duncan said that even if the students did not want to hear his speech, he was upset that they were also hindered by the limitation on his time.

"You shouldn't have to have permission," he said.

The 40-some students that crowded around the preacher had differing opinions of the spectacle that occurred each day.

"They (the students) were very vocal," said Ken Kennedy, department of safety manager.

Students were shouting, jeering, and generally murmuring over Duncan's words.

"I'm speechless that he has the audacity to do this," said Jessie Noble, junior secondary education major. Others agreed.

"He just gives bad names to Christians," said Rachel Mastin, junior theatre major.

Even those visiting campus had an opinion of Duncan's words and actions.

Russ Hubbard, youth leader at Calvary Chapel, said he agreed with Duncan in text, but not in the heart of the scriptures.

He said Duncan has knowledge without wisdom.

"Anyone who genuinely searches the scriptures will find the Lord," Hubbard said.

Those who came with Duncan would disagree.

"[I hope] they (the students) would listen to him (Duncan) and be saved from sin," said Josiah Cloud, a member of Victory Christian Church. "His (God's) grace takes the sin away. That's what he's trying to get across, even though the people don't listen."

Other students in the crowd were angered by his words.

"I think he's (Duncan) a moron," said Ross Gipson, senior English major. "He shouldn't be making false assumptions."

Gipson said he did not necessarily consider himself a Christian, but he said he knew enough to disagree with Duncan.

"Christ spent most of his ministry spreading a gospel of love, not condemnation," said Stephan Lanyon, sophomore nursing major.

Any person who wants to come on campus without a faculty or campus sponsored event planned must receive a permit to speak from the department of public safety, formally known as safety and security.

There were no major problems and no one was restrained while Duncan was on campus.

SPEAK:

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Doug Carnahan, dean of students, said he probably wouldn't have allowed the chalk writing, because they didn't relate to any campus activities.

The policy in the student handbook doesn't allow any chalk writing on Missouri Southern property, but Carnahan said student activities allows chalk writing anyway for club events as long as it is approved first.

Blackford said she's not against chalk writing and students expressing their ideas.

"I don't like stifling our student groups," she said.

However, she said there were probably better avenues the club could have taken besides drawing on University property.

Yipé said SPEAK was under the impression that it could put anything on the sidewalks that pertains to the club as long as it wasn't hateful, racist or obscene.

"We just wanted to bring out the statistics, put a face on the statistics," she said.

Yipé said most people don't know about how many millions of pounds of explosives have been dropped on Iraq and how many children have been killed by U.S. bombs.

"A lot of students either don't care or don't pay attention to it," she said.

Katie Hargrove, freshman international studies major, said she liked the written chalk messages on campus, but wished group members of SPEAK would have put its name next to the chalk writings so the campus knew who drew them.

"I think it brings awareness of what's really going on," Hargrove said.

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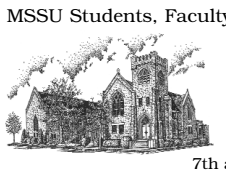

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Victory possible with fan support

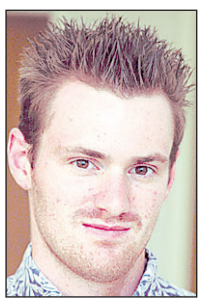
Fellow Missouri Southern football fans, it has been a trying year.

With the team only winning one game against the University of Missouri-Rolla, it has been tough to root for the Lions every Saturday.

Do not give up hope. The head coach may have resigned, but there is no need to become discouraged. I have faith in Rob Green to turn the program around. The last time Green was interim head coach, the Lions went 4-0.

I know Southern lost this past weekend to Northwest Missouri State University, but fans have to give Coach Green some time to work with the team.

Did you really expect him to come out after a heartbreaking 15-3 loss to Truman State University, Bill Cooke's resignation and win? There has to be some time to adjust to Green's coaching style. I guarantee you Southern will win again this season. Southern will win again.



Philip Martin
Sports Editor

As any fan of Southern football knows this weekend is the U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl. This is the 35th time Pittsburg State University and Southern have met on the gridiron. It is officially the 17th Miner's Bowl and the sixth U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl. Southern is 8-26-1 in the series. The last win came in 1993 when the Lions defeated the Gorillas 20-3; that same year Southern became MIAA Champions. Since then the Gorillas of PSU have dominated the series.

Last year should have been the year of the upset. The Lions went into the game 4-0 — Southern's best start since 1996. The Lions had Josh Chapman leading the charge into the game. Chapman was dominating the record books.

Don't get me wrong; Kokain Mothershed is a great quarterback, and the Lions could pull off the upset this year. Why? They are the underdogs in this contest, that's why. No one expects Southern to win, except for Southern (or at least me).

Being the underdogs, the Lions can go into the game and upset the Gorillas. Let me give you some examples of the underdog spirit: the American Revolution.

Remember in history class Americans trapped the British at Yorktown and won the war? That is the slanted view of history that is taught. The truth is America was heavily outnumbered and we should have lost — badly. As underdogs, America pulled out the victory.

How about an example of Southern's underdog fighting spirit.

In 2001, the Lions defeated Central Missouri State University, 35-13. Southern should have lost that game. CMSU should have slaughtered the Lions. Southern kept the Mules scoreless until the third quarter.

Southern can do this. The Lions need all of the fans backing them. PSU will be out in force; the Gorillas have prepared for this game all season.

The Gorillas want to come in and destroy Southern. The Lions have home field advantage, and they have a new turf. Southern can pull off the upset.

This is the year for the upset. Southern can pull off the win. The Lions are the underdogs in this match up; they should use it to their advantage.

Philip Martin is the Sports Editor for The Chart. *His opinions are his own and don't necessarily reflect those of* The Chart *staff.*

Bowl Bound

U.S. Cellular MINER'S BOWL VI

Lions prepare 'recipe' for victory

BY JEREMIAH COOK
Staff Writer

In 1993, the Missouri Southern Lions football team clashed with the Pittsburg State University Gorillas in Joplin, and won 20-3, en route to winning a conference championship.

It has been 10 years since the victory, and the Lions are still looking for their next win in a series that the Gorillas lead 26-8-1, including 12-6 at Southern. In that time, the Lions have been outscored 285-105 by the Gorillas, including a 50-12 loss last year in Pittsburg.

The Lions will look to get things turned around in the series Saturday, when they face off with PSU in the U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl. The teams will play for the coveted Miner's Bowl Trophy.

"Right now we have to look at Missouri Southern as a team that is under some turmoil," said Chuck Broyles, PSU head football coach. "It will be interesting to see how they play against the Gorillas."

In order to win Saturday, the Lions believe they must take away the Gorillas ability to run with the football.

"If we can stop the run, we will win," said senior defensive end Seth Austin. "But that is a huge task."

"They are going to come out there and put it to us," said freshman defensive end Joey Wagner. "We are going to have to put it to them first in order to win."

"We've got a recipe," said junior wide receiver DeMarcus Mathes. "And we are going to stick to it."

"Until they become a bona-fide passing team, you've got to put as many people into the box as you can," said Lions assistant head coach Rob Green.

Green, who is 4-1 as the Lions' headman, has never faced the Gorillas.

"One of the keys to beating Pittsburg State is to keep their offense off of the field," he said.

Missouri Southern is currently third in the league in time of possession, holding on to the ball for an average of 31:23 a game this season.

Statistically, both defenses are similar. Both teams are in the top half of the MIAA in pass defense, with the Gorillas at second in the league, allowing only 156.9 yards per game. Southern weighs in at fourth in the league, allowing 147.4 yards passing per game.

The level of defensive play has been high for both defensive squads. Senior free safety Ryan Burpo leads the way for Southern in tackles, with 69 total tackles, 30 of which are solo. He also has one interception.

Southern's Atiba Bradley, a sophomore linebacker, has 44 tackles, four of which are for a loss, three sacks, and one interception on the year.

Junior strong safety T. M. Bryant has also contributed five tackles for a loss and three sacks for the Lions this year.

Green said tackles for a loss are going to be part of his strategy to stop the run and keep PSU's offense off the field.

Since the Lions and Gorillas first met in 1968, the Gorillas have had a player rush for 100-plus yards on 20 different occasions.

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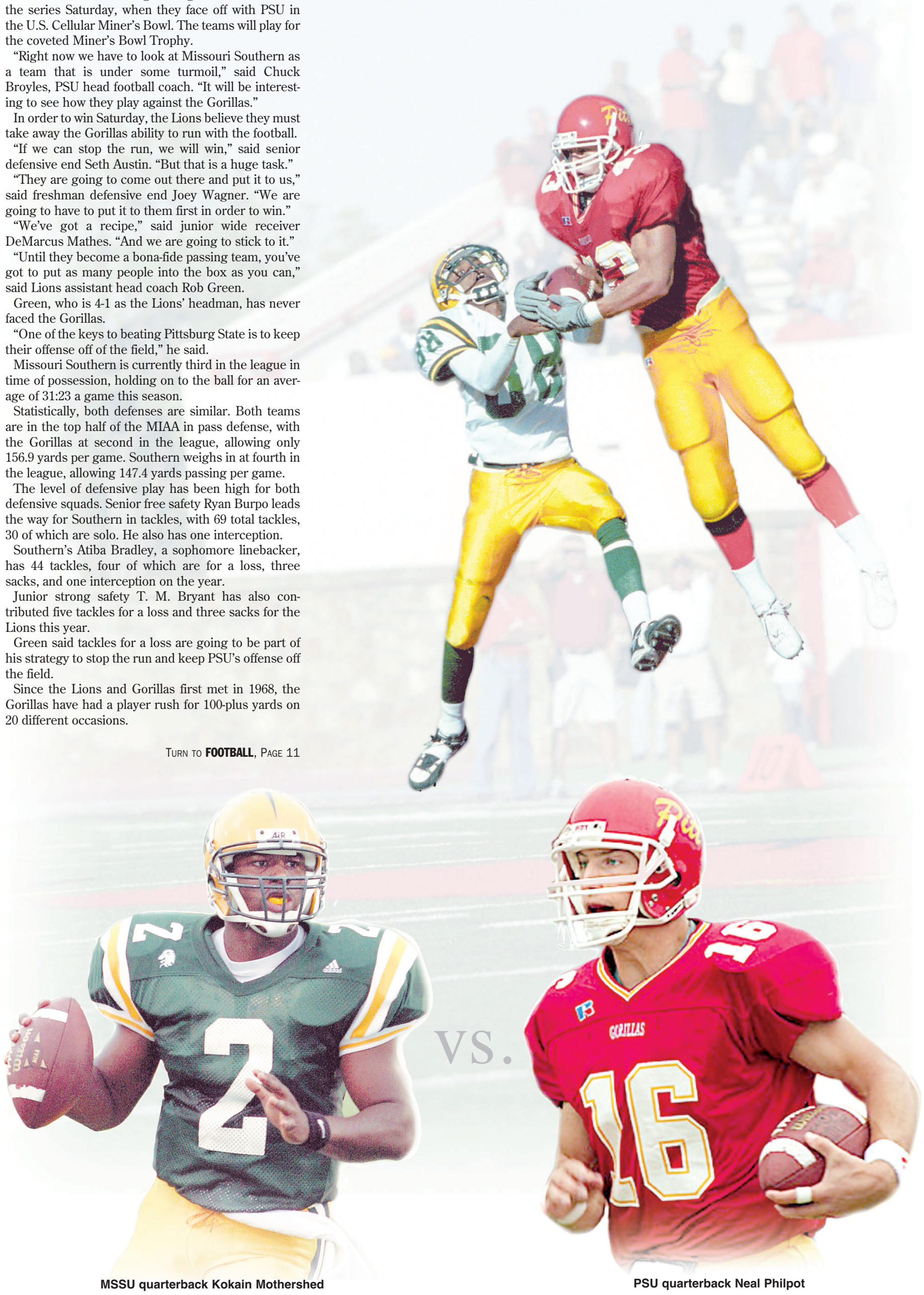

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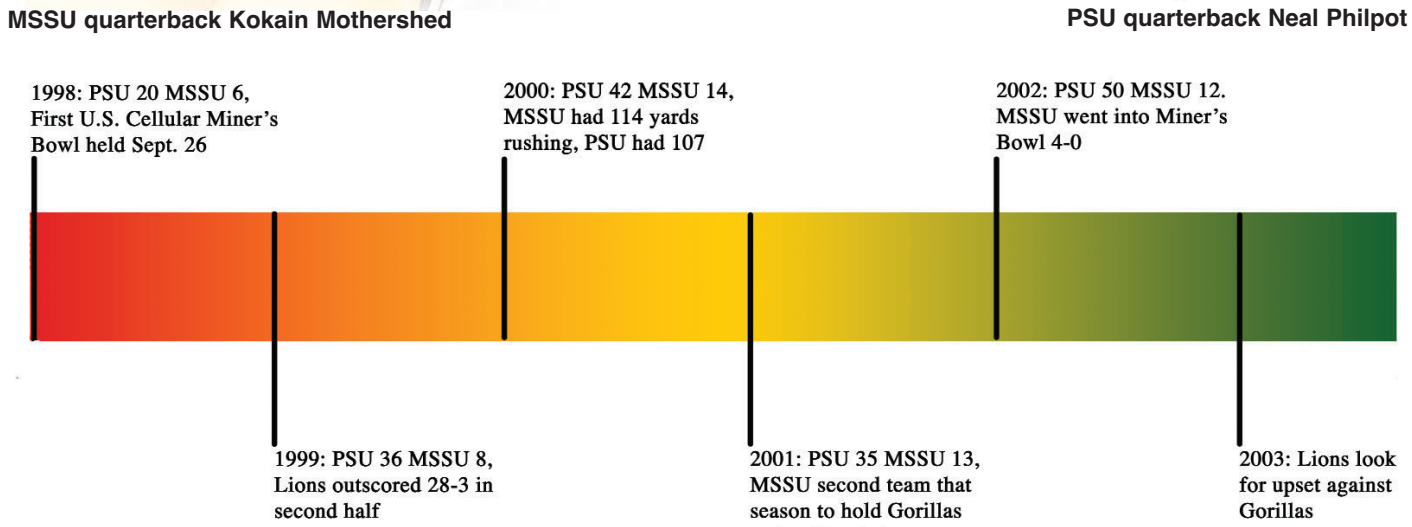
1998: PSU 20 MSSU 6, First U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl held Sept. 26
1999: PSU 36 MSSU 8, Lions outscored 28-3 in second half
2000: PSU 42 MSSU 14, MSSU had 114 yards rushing, PSU had 107
2001: PSU 35 MSSU 13, MSSU second team that season to hold Gorillas under 51 points.
2002: PSU 50 MSSU 12. MSSU went into Miner's Bowl 4-0
2003: Lions look for upset against Gorillas

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Missouri Southern senior forward Elisa Bryant chases the ball in a race against Southwest Baptist University's Brenda Boswell during the Oct. 22 game at Southern.

Soccer team heads to end

By Melissa Blanchard
Staff Writer

The Lions were defeated 0-1 by the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners Oct. 17.

"It was a pretty good game, we played hard," said Trevor Wachsman, head women's soccer coach.

"The effort was there for the whole 90 minutes. It was probably one of our better defensive games as far as doing what we practice."

The game remained tied 0-0, until the last 17 minutes when the Miner's Lauren Wilkinson scored a goal on Missouri Southern's Kim Bossen, senior goalie.

"It was a really good effort," Wachsman said. "We were organized defensively."

On Oct. 22 the Lions were defeated for the second time by Southwest Baptist University.

Just a few short weeks ago Southern was beaten by the SBU Bearcats, 3-0. Oct. 22 the Lions managed to keep only a 1-point gap, losing 2-1.

"I felt like we actually put everything we have learned into practice," said junior forward Tera Reisner.

"We played with heart. We had good communication. As a team we supported each other."

"It was a good game for us," Wachsman said. "We played well. We had some good chances; unfortunately they didn't go in our favor."

"It's the first year under a new coach and a new system, and they will be better next year," said fan Terry Levy, junior criminal justice administration major.

> *"We have fun in the crowd, standing behind them and rooting for them, every team needs support."*
>
> **Timothy Jackson**
> *Senior Business Management Major*

The Lion's have another game at 6 p.m. Friday in Warrensburg against Central Missouri State University.

In September, Southern was beaten by the Jennies on their home turf, 2-0. Hope is high for a win, to motivate the Lions for the last leg of the season.

"Hopefully we can put it all together and get a win," Reisner said.

"Everyone is playing well, but if we can get a win, it would boost the teams confidence."

Southern plays against the University of Central Oklahoma at 3 p.m. Tuesday in Edmond.

The Lion's next home game is Thursday against Emporia State University at 6 p.m.

The Lion's tied the Hornets, 2-2 on Oct 10, so the parity is good for the game.

"They are all good athletes and it's a pretty good show," said Timothy Jackson, senior business management major. "We have fun in the crowd, standing behind them cheering and rooting for them, every team needs support."

Lion Stats

Football

Oct. 18 Results

MSSU	0	14	0	0	—14
NWMSU	10	17	6	14	—47

First Quarter

NWMSU — Paetznick 24 yd field goal, 4:31. NWMSU — Bostwick 45 yd interception return (Paetznick kick), 1:11

Second Quarter

NWMSU — Fiech 8 yd run (Paetznick kick), 14:42. NWMSU — Rector 75 yd pass from Lamberson (Paetznick kick), 1:35. MSSU — Mathes 91 yd kickoff return (Komen kick), 1:20. MSSU — Spinks 91 yd interception return (Komen kick). NWMSU — Paetznick 47 yd field goal, 00:00.

Third Quarter

NWMSU — Paetznick 30 yd field goal, 12:06. NWMSU — Paetznick 46 yd field goal, 9:32

Fourth Quarter

NWMSU — Herring 12 yd run (Paetznick kick), 13:34. NWMSU — Hardy 4 yd run (Paetznick kick), 1:17

Women's Soccer

Oct. 22 Results

SBU	1	1	— 2
MSSU	1	0	— 1

SBU Scoring: Tolla (Meo), 35:17. Tanner (unassisted), 65:12.

MSSU Scoring: Reisner (Doerr), 36:14.

Volleyball

Oct. 22 Results

WU	30	30	30
MSSU	29	19	24

Southern Schedule

Oct. 24

Women's Soccer @ Central Missouri State University

Volleyball @ Emporia State University

Men's Soccer against William Woods University @ 7 p.m.

Oct. 25

U.S. Cellular Miner's Bowl @ Hughes Stadium, kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

Men's and Women's Cross Country @ MIAA Championships in Kirksville, Mo.

Oct. 26

Men's Soccer @ Drury University

Oct. 28

Women's Soccer @ University of Central Oklahoma

Oct. 29

Volleyball @ Missouri Western State College

Oct. 30

Women's Soccer against Emporia State University @ 6 p.m.

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Volleyball looks for berth in post-season tournament

By Tara Walker
Staff Writer

After a short rest, the Lions stretched out just in time to pounce on the Panthers during an Oct. 21 home game.

Although the Lions lost to Drury University at home last year, this game was a success with scores of 18-30, 27-30, and 22-30.

"We played very well against Drury," said head coach Debbie Traywick.

"Drury is always a really emotional game because they get really pumped," said junior middle hitter Sara Jaynes. "It is a big rival between us for them."

After a well-earned win, the team took a hard lost against Washburn University on Oct. 22. With game scores of 31-29, 30-19, and 30-24 the team, "struggled and didn't make the right decisions at the right time," Traywick said.

While Washburn hit .273 and Southern hit .155, Traywick said the team struggled offensively and didn't put the ball down. It was the opposite of the Drury game.

"Washburn was a tougher team than Drury," said freshman outside hitter Katie Patterson. "We played well, but we made some crucial mistakes at crucial times."

With only six games left, two being at home, until the MIAA Tournament, the team draws closer to the end of the season. The Lions are currently holding the sixth and final spot in the MIAA Tournament. With this loss Missouri Western State College could move from seventh place to sixth. The tournament begins Nov. 11 the location of the tournament has yet to be announced.

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With the Gorillas averaging 88.9 rushing yards a game from senior quarterback Neal Philpot, 89.7 rushing yards a game from freshman running back Germaine Race and 291.7 yards rushing a game as a team, the Lions will have their work cut out for them, but they definitely are not intimidated.

"If you are intimidated, then you are probably not going to be out there," Austin said.

Another aspect of the game is the rivalry that has developed between the Lions and the Gorillas.

"I've heard that Pitt State doesn't like us," Wagner said.

"So, bottom line, I don't like them."

"Personally, I have never delved into the Missouri Southern versus Pitt State rivalry as much as some of our fans or some of our coaches," Broyles said. "But I have had people come up to me and tell me 'I don't care if you win any other game, as long as you beat those Missouri Southern Lions.'"

"A lot of people are going to come out to see the game," Mathes said. "This is one of those big games that you have to win."

"It's a local rivalry," Green said.

"And because it is a local rivalry, it brings out a lot more people and a lot more people are interested in the game."

With the two schools being so close, both teams have a chance to get to know each other over the years.

"Because of the proximity of the two schools, our players have gotten to know their players, and their players have gotten a chance to know ours," Green said. "So, it's always a fun game."

"I think our football team needs to be ready to play," Broyles said.

"Because, the Missouri Southern players will be ready to play."

Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Hughes Stadium.

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"You have to just live it and understand that there are going to be sacrifices that need to be made to get there."
Jason Mraz

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Mraz hits a high note during his performance Oct. 16 at the Brady Theater in Tulsa. Mraz blends a variety of musical styles into his performance — acoustic ballads, soul, reggae and others.

Fame, music and life on the road with Jason Mraz

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Mraz tries to discipline himself to go to bed each night, drink the right amount of water, and to eat right. He also focuses on staying relaxed, taking time for private meditation before each show.

"It really is true to stay mentally healthy; you've got to be physically healthy," he said. "It all works together in harmony."

While touring in England, Mraz ran out of his vitamins. Mraz said he does not like the food in England, and consequently lived off of Burger King alone for nearly two weeks. The effects on his system and attitude, he said, were devastating.

After returning to the United States, Mraz went to visit a nutritionist. A few weeks after getting back on his vitamins and taking some time to relax, Mraz said he was back to normal and ready to hit the road again.

The reactions of fans across the globe amaze him.

He said the reactions of fans in Japan to "The Remedy" struck him particularly hard.

"I had a flash in my head, with all of the territories we haven't been to where the album is just coming out, I might have to sing this song for the next five to 10 years, and it made me wonder if I was ready for that," Mraz said.

The first time he heard "The Remedy" on the radio, he was in Australia.

"It was like a totally bizarre world," Mraz said. "I hear my own voice and I'm like does this really fit on the radio? It makes you question why it's happening. Do people really like it? And do they want to participate and get to know me and know the group and be inspired by it? Or is my record label doing a damn good job promoting it? I can't figure it out, it's a tough thing."

"The Remedy," the first single off Mraz's debut album *Waiting for my Rocket to Come* was inspired by his best friend, Charlie Mingroni's, battle to beat cancer.

"When I hear that song, I think to myself it pretty much boils down to this, you can do anything you want to do, you just have to do it," Mingroni said. "It makes it easier to understand that there is nothing out here on this planet that you can't do if you want to. I beat cancer because I wanted to, and I did. Jason moved out to California because he wanted to and he did, and look at where he is now."

Mingroni also said his experience battling cancer and Mraz's music have helped him develop a new outlook on life.

"There is no reward without struggle," he said. "The good times are good because the bad times are bad."

Mingroni said fame has not changed Mraz much at all.

"Jason is still Jason," he said. "I've known him for 10 years now, and he's the same friend he's always been."

To stay balanced and keep himself grounded, Mraz said it is necessary to try and separate his personal self from the figure heard on the radio.

"There are a lot of people coming to the shows who only want to hear that song, and they just want to get their picture with me because I sing that song on the radio," he said.

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Jason Mraz reclines in the private room of his tour bus.

Mraz's rise to fame has had an impact on his family as well. June Tomes, Mraz's mother has been going to her son's shows since the beginning.

She watched him play in coffee shops in California with just a few people in the audience. She was also at the Landmark Theater in Richmond, Va., near Mraz's hometown of Mechanicsville, to see him play in front of thousands of fans.

"It's kind of surreal to be quite honest," Tomes said. "I love to see people's expressions when they see him perform and hear their comments. I'm extremely proud. It gets pretty emotional."

She said since her son's music became popular, family from across the country have been contacting her.

"Everywhere we go people will stop us and say 'are you Jason's mom?'" Tomes said. "It's really nice, it hasn't become overwhelming."

After graduating from Lee-Davis High School in Mechanicsville, in 1995, Mraz moved to New York City to study at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy. It was in New York, at age 18, that Mraz first learned to play the guitar.

In New York, he said he realized that as a singer who didn't play an instrument, he would always need an accompanist.

An old girlfriend then provided the inspiration for him to start writing music. "You and I Both," the next single to be released from Mraz's album, is dedicated to her, and the inspiration she provided him, he said.

"She was an amazing writer," he said. "She really taught me the importance of practicing and really exercising the work and your brain. We wrote some songs together and she just really inspired me, because without her I wouldn't be who I am and even though we're not together anymore we still have a lot to be proud of."

After a year in New York, Mraz returned to Virginia with songwriting as his goal.

There, he spent the next three years practicing, writing and working to save money to move to California.

Mraz said he worked days at a cigar store, and the scarcity of customers allowed him to spend the time practicing his music. At night, Mraz worked as a janitor at an elementary school, scrubbing toilets with his headphones on listening to demos he recorded in his spare time.

Some nights the routine between the two jobs seemed to be a low point in life, he said.

"I always knew why I was doing it though," Mraz said.

Now, with his act on tour, and thousands of fans eager to meet him, Mraz does not appear concerned about the possibility of being a one-hit wonder.

"I didn't expect to have a hit anyway," he said.

"We just wanted to get on the road and take our act from San Diego and tour it, and I think we are going to be touring for a long time. I think that's what makes us different from a lot of acts that you hear on the radio."

The advice Mraz has to give to aspiring artists is the same advice he would give to anyone with a dream.

"All I did was do it," he said. "You have to live it if you want to be it.

"No matter what art or path you decide to choose, you have to just live it and understand that there are going to be sacrifices that need to be made to get there. And even once you get there it becomes even more of a sacrifice, but because you took the route, because you lived it, you understand."

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Percussionist Toca Rivera, one of two drummers playing with Mraz, is a crowd favorite.

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Despite his busy schedule, Mraz still finds some time to have fun before the show.